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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

### CARGO PILFERAGE.

#### EVIL ASSUMES ALARMING PROPORTIONS.

#### A MATTER FOR PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, January 3.

The London Chamber of Commerce is very disappointed at receiving no more than formal acknowledgment of their request to the Home Secretary to receive a deputation with regard to pilfering in transit which continues to be very alarming. The committee intends to raise the matter in the House of Commons. It is stated that Lloyd's passed claims for losses totalling £500,000 last year. A member of a leading shipping line said that very remarkable statistics in this connection were received from Australia and New Zealand showing that the rates of pilferage and shortage there amounted from 9d. to 15s. 10d. per ton of goods handled compared with the pre-war average of 1 1/2d.

### IRISH DISORDERS.

#### FIRST OFFICIAL REPRISALS A FORMAL ACT OF WAR.

#### HOME NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

LONDON, January 4.

General Strickland's order for the burning of houses at Meadon as the first official reprisals, described as a formal act of war, is generally accepted as necessary if unpleasant. While the *Daily News* denounces the "savage outrage on human decency" the *Westminster Gazette* learns with dismay that "the mantle of military authority will be spread to reprisals." It is noteworthy that the Radical *Manchester Guardian* describes the burnings as an "entirely new and much more creditable procedure, admitted by rough and ready but at least not indiscriminate and carried out on only by authority." "It adds," "It shows what can be done by a man of character who means to be obeyed, and if the same method were persisted in and punishment inflicted only where it was ordered and believed to be deserved the word reprisals will acquire a new meaning and the horrible scandals attaching to it will end."

### M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, January 3.

England in the first innings made 251. Hobbs made 122, and Henchman 67. Gregory took seven wickets for 69. England followed on and the innings was closed with 76 for 5 wickets.

### NORWEGIAN PRICES DROP.

CHRISTIANIA, January 3.

Prices in Norway are now lower than at the time of the armistice. Taking the prices of 1891 as 100, the prices in December dropped from 496 to 349.

### GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

#### DISCLOSURE OF EXPLOSIVE AND CHEMICAL SECRETS.

#### BRITISH NOT SATISFIED.

LONDON, Jan. 3.

It is learned that the British and French general staffs have agreed on the subject of German disarmament, except the question of the time allowed for the abolition of the German volunteer formations. Field Marshal Wilson holding the opinion that disappearance should not be so rapidly carried out as Marshal Foch desires. The most important centres of the volunteers are in East Prussia and Bavaria. There is reason to fear Bolshevism in both places, and British opinion is that the presence of volunteers there at present is quite legitimate. The exact time limit of their dissolution must be discussed at an early conference between the British and French premiers. The British are decidedly of the opinion that the article of the Peace Treaty dealing with the disclosure of German secrets as regards explosives and chemical products has not been satisfactorily carried out. This is a very important matter but it is premature to discuss the steps contemplated.

### INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS.

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT'S VISIT TO BE BOYCOTTED.

#### EXCHANGE LOSSES.

NAGPUR, January 3.

The National Congress passed a resolution expressing sympathy with Ireland's struggle for independence, also a resolution denouncing the Imperial Government's Indian exchange policy and demanding that the British Treasury compensate Indians for the enormous loss of export trade which is alleged to be involved thereby, and declaring that importers, dealers, and merchants interested in British goods would be entirely justified in refusing to complete contracts at present exchange rates. The Congress also passed a resolution boycotting the Duke of Connaught's visit.

### INTER-EMPIRE EMIGRATION.

#### WORK OF THE OVERSEAS SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE.

#### THOUSANDS OF FREE PASSAGES.

LONDON, January 3.

Commenting on the opportunities for inter-empire emigration, the *Westminster Gazette* dwells on the work of the overseas settlement committee which aims at securing more equitable distribution of man power in the Empire, thus assisting in the materialisation of the Imperial and Dominion Governments' wishes to preserve the resources of the Empire for Britain. Over 12,000 free passages approved for emigrants have already been issued, making a total in the present year of 22,000, of which 10,000 are for Canada, 6,000 for Australia, 3,000 for New Zealand, 1,500 for South Africa, 400 for British East Africa, and 200 for Rhodesia.

## THE DOLLAR.

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### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

#### TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, January 3rd.

The *Sunday Times* says the Anglo-Russian trade agreement has now been drafted and is ready for signature. Only the technical details remain to be adjusted. The outlook for the immediate resumption of commercial relations is regarded as very bright. The *Observer*, however, states that M. Krassin, yesterday, received an official request from Moscow for his return to Russia for consultation, and it is expected that he will be absent for about five weeks, during which time the whole discussion collapses, but this is not anticipated.

#### GERMAN DISARMAMENT.

PARIS, January 3rd.

According to *Le Temps* Marshal Foch's report regarding Germany's fulfilment of the disarmament terms shows that there have been surrendered 41,000 guns with under tubes, 70,000 machine-guns, 163,000 barrels, 2,800,000 small arms, 25,000 aeroplane engines, and 16,000 aeroplanes. The report adds that Germany has failed to fulfil the terms regarding the disarmament of the civil guards in Bavaria and East Prussia, and the destruction of fortresses on the eastern and southern frontiers.

The Germans asked to be allowed to keep 300 guns at Koenigsberg and numerous guns at other places, but only 57 guns have been allowed at Koenigsberg, 36 at Pillau, 32 at Swinemunde, and all other requests have been refused.

#### FRENCH SOCIALIST PROTEST.

PARIS, December 29th.

A Havas message says:—  
At the Socialist Convention, at Tours, a sharp split between the leading factions became more and more unavoidable. A telegram from the Soviet leader Zinoviev was read excommunicating the group which, while accepting the internationalist and of rejection of a motion censuring Zinoviev's telegram were carried by a large majority.

Old Socialists who were in the minority decided on sitting hereafter by themselves in a separate room, as the Convention was then purely a Communist convention. The so-called "Reconstruction Group" adopted a similar view, and is also to hold a separate convention. Later, the two seceding groups entered into negotiations with a view to reorganizing the old Socialist Party.

#### REPRISALS IN IRELAND.

LONDON, January 2nd.

It is unofficially reported that after the fire in Midleton, on Saturday, large parties of police and military entered the town in the evening, burned a garage and engineering works, and wrecked and looted several shops.

It is reported that some houses in the village Carrigrohilly, a scene of another ambush, was also burned.

LOXDOY, January 2nd.

In accordance with the order of the Military Governor seven houses in Midleton, County Cork, were destroyed in the early morning on New Year's Day, because the inhabitants were found to have known of the recent ambush and attack on the military parties and neglected to inform the police and military authorities.

Each householder was handed a notice stating why his house was being destroyed, and each resident was given one hour in which to remove his valuables but not furniture. Nothing, except the houses and furniture, was destroyed.

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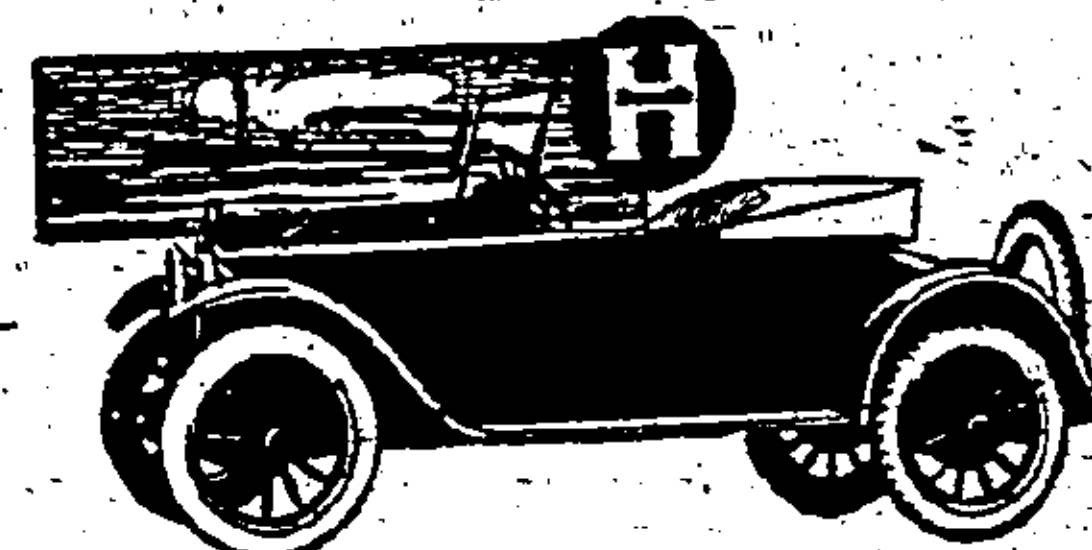
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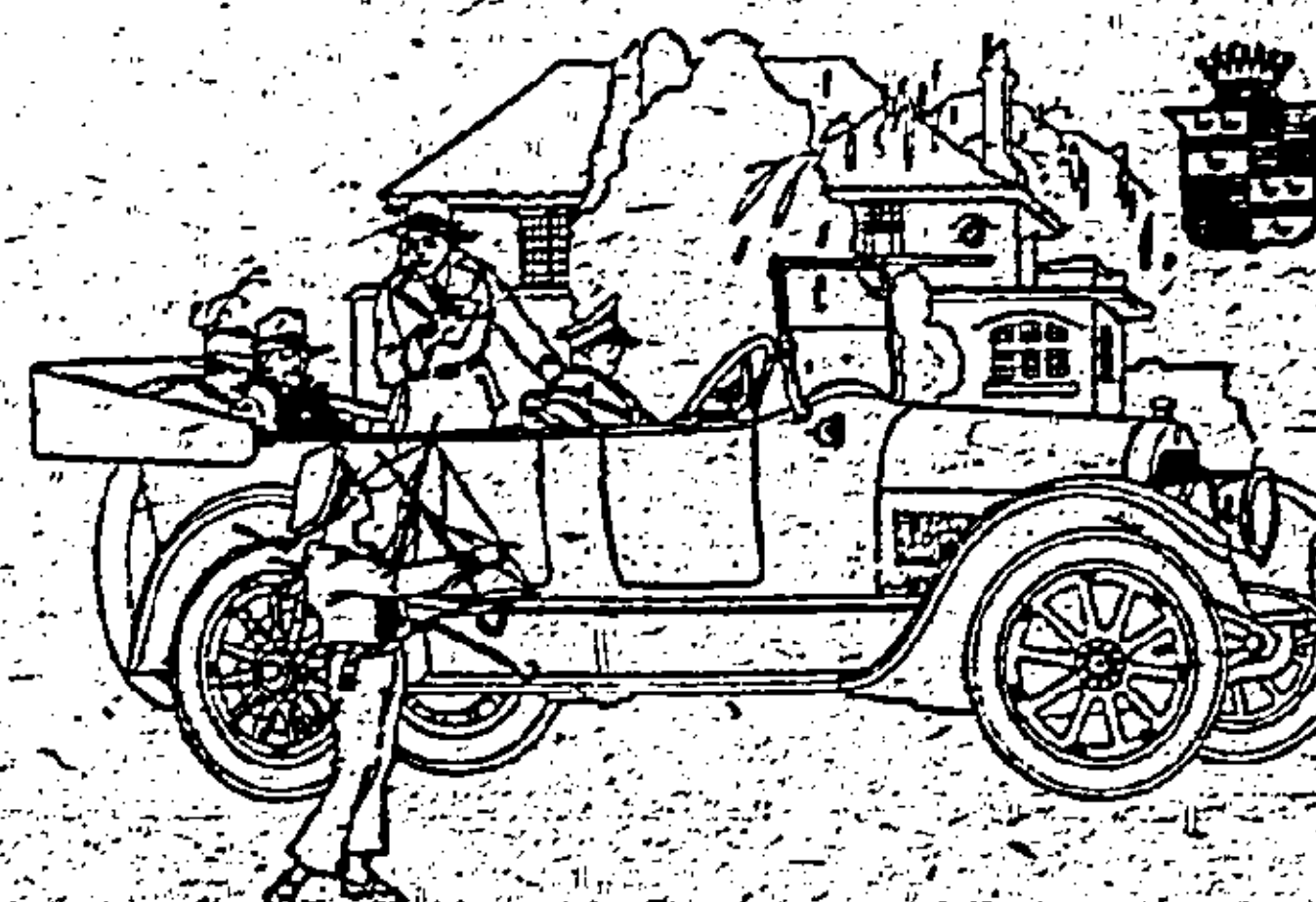
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### EMBALMING FLUID.

OLD EGYPTIAN SECRET.

FORMULA USED BY ANCIENTS.

Egyptologists are interested in the discovery claimed by a scientist of the fluid used by the Egyptians to mummify their dead. The mummies of these people have been preserved down through the ages in almost perfect condition, and there has always been a keen desire to learn the formula employed by the ancients. There have been various theories advanced as to the means of mummification but it has never been proved that the exact preparation of the "people of Pharaoh" has been ascertained.

"We know," says Prof. K. Newell Wardle, commenting on the discovery "that even among the Egyptians there was a decided difference in the degree of success attained. The quality of the mummification seems to depend on the period. For example, we have a mummy said to be that of an Egyptian princess of high rank, which consists of nothing much more than a handful or so of dust and the inclosing case. The skeleton of the princess has not been able to defy the centuries, even despite the art of those who did the embalming."

Mr. Francis S. Bennett, the discoverer, says that the active principle of his fluid is the oil of allium, extracted by a special process from any of the plants of the onion family. "It is not poisonous, but on the contrary is believed to have some medicinal properties."

We are told: "That a part of the human brain was dipped into the fluid, and in a short time became shrunken and as hard as wood, and that when dipped back into clear water it resumed its normal size and appearance."

"That eggs dipped in the fluid and removed have kept for six months under ordinary conditions of temperature without the slightest change from the day they were first dipped."

"That beetles, discoloured and disintegrating, were dipped in the fluid, and that the disintegration halted and the original colours were restored."

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"That a human body, twelve days after death had been taken under unfavourable conditions, dipped into the fluid, and is now thoroughly preserved and shows no tendency towards decomposition."

It is expected that the discovery will be of commercial value as well as scientific, and another use to which the fluid has already been put has been that of preserving valuable manuscripts, as well as restoring them. Recently, valuable books in the collection of Mr. J. P. Morgan were treated, and for the first time in centuries were wholly legible.

### LAST SLAVE MARKET.

#### PINCHING TEST.

THE HOLY CITY OF WAZZAN.

The open slave market in the City of Wazzan, Morocco, which was recently occupied by the French, is reputed to be the last of its kind in the world, according to a French officer who arrived in London from Fez.

The slaves are brought to Wazzan by caravan from parts of the country still unexplored. The market is held annually during the pilgrim season, when pilgrims from all parts of Morocco go to the city for the Sher-el-blessing. At this time Negro and Negress slaves are grouped together by their different owners on an open piece of ground.

The buyers then crowd round and ask questions about the age, health, and, in the case of a woman slave, if she is married. The owner always says that his women slaves are still unmarried, as single women usually fetch higher prices than married ones. Of course, there is always haggling over the price, especially if there is some physical defect, which is invariably the case. The teeth are inspected, arms are pinched, and a male slave is often asked to lift heavy loads.

Contrary to the general belief, the lot of a slave in Morocco is a comparatively happy one. All they have to do is to erect visitors through the gardens which form part of the rich Moor's estate. Another duty is to keep watch from a minaret for intruders, strangers who pry into that part of the garden reserved for the women of the household. Indocile there are often as many as 15 slaves all occupied, say, in preparing tea for their master's guests. In Fez and Marrakech women slaves are taught to dance, and their entertainment reminds an onlooker of the Arabian Nights.

At present travellers caravans are fighting shy of Wazzan, and no slaves have entered the city since the French authorities prohibited their sale. By this means it is hoped to do away with the slave traffic throughout the European zones.

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## DEATHS.

LOUREIRO.—On the 1st January, 1921, at No. 2, Victoria View, Kowloon, Maria Emilia, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo José da Silva Loureiro. (Coe, Lisbon, Macao, Manila, Mozambique, Swatow, and Timor papers please copy.)

FRESSON.—On December 25, 1920, at Shanghai, Dorothy O. Fresson, beloved wife of E. Edmond Fresson, of Wickford, Essex, England.

MOGENSEN.—On December 26, 1920, at Shanghai, W. V. Mogensen.

## The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 4, 1921.

## SHIPPING BOARD SCANDAL.

By far the bitterest critics of Americans are American journalists, when there is something to expose or censure. We have seen nothing sadder or more outspoken for a long time than the American newspaper comments on what they call the Shipping Board scandal. The Literary Digest says the Fish Commission report to a Congressional investigating committee is a story of alleged mismanagement, waste, graft, bribery, padded bills, and systematic looting of the public treasury by minor officials and employees of the Board, involving a loss of millions of dollars to the taxpayers. "The Detroit Journal" says: "Prussian spies did far less damage than did the corrupt agents of the Emergency Fleet Corporation." Similar strongly worded comments are so numerous that it is unnecessary to quote more.

We recall the pride with which we read of the wonderful spirit with which our American friends set to work to replace the bottoms destroyed by German submarines. No war effort at the time was more welcome. It promised to make the piratical scheme of Germany ineffectual. Of wooden ships they built 397 in marvellously quick time, and most of them are now "white elephants," costing \$100 a month apiece for caretaking. According to a New York paper, one unfinished hull was recently sold for a dollar. The Providence Journal claims that the waste is still going on in the routine operations of the Shipping Board. As evidence of the mess, the Number Two in charge told the Committee that about four thousand persons, at salaries aggregating eight millions a year, are now busy trying to straighten out the accounts of the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The Shipping Board is annually paying nineteen millions to about ten thousand men. About 1,200 ships are being operated, and under the present system of accounting, they cannot tell whether they pay or not. Some waste and loss, and perhaps dishonesty, was inevitable in such a gigantic undertaking that had to be rushed through; but it seems that excessive leakage is alleged. President-elect Harding has promised to make the best use of this great marine, and to "unfurl the flag again on all the seas of the world," but that is for tomorrow. The report deals with yesterday, and according to the Philadelphia Public Ledger shows "a general scramble for the property of the country, and mighty few guardians on hand to protect it." Details of alleged frauds by builders are given. As regards putting the property on the water, the report says that the Emergency Fleet Corporation "simi-

Hotel St. Regis. The amounts and methods of plain graft would appear exaggerated in a muck-raking novel. Divisions were made with the companies that coaled the ships. Food was thrown overboard so that stewards could get commission on new supplies. (This was regularly done on N.D.L. ships before the war.) One witness testified to a bill for \$633,000 being paid twice over, "by mistake." For an \$3 cent job like putting a hinge on a galley door \$100 was paid. Certain firms made 750 per cent. profits at the Board's expense. The fraud cases now under investigation run into tens of thousands of cases. Prosecutions are promised.

Meanwhile, with the characteristic courage that we saw follow the San Francisco fire, our American friends are buckling to make the best of a bad job. Having got about 45 per cent. of American exports and imports carried in American bottoms, as compared with ten per cent. in 1914, they are not going to let that go, but mean to clean up and carry on. That is the spirit which shows how closely related we are.

## MAYORAL INSTALLATION.

At Home November is the season for installing mayors. At Hongkong they do it on New Year Day. You didn't know they did it locally anywhere. That is because it has never been done before. But now it has actually happened. One of Hongkong's suburbs, somewhat to the south, has taken the bit between its teeth and incorporated itself. Constitutional reform has begun. This suburb has had for four days now a mayor and corporation, though we have heard no mention of aidmen.

On New Year Day an imposing procession took place, and invested in the chain and emblems of office the man they had (with one dissentient) chosen for mayor. (The dissentient wanted to be mayor himself.) This worship swore to cherish and maintain the local laws, especially the summary law established by usage during the years he was known as the Laird. And so, they say, everything went off very pleasantly and successfully as planned.

It is a civic beginning of profound significance, a harbinger, shall we hope, of a wider, broader movement and progress still to come. We hope that to suppress this local pastiche of Sinn Féin our Government will not resort to the frightful methods of the Home Government in Ireland.

## MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

By order of the Military Governor, reports Reuter, seven houses with their contents, in County Cork, Ireland, were destroyed by fire on New Year Day. "The better the day the better the deed," says a rather ambiguous adage. There was a reason for it. "Because the inhabitants were bound to have known of the recent ambush and attack on the military parties and neglected to inform the police and military authorities." Very German. Are we shocked by this deed? If not, it is certain we are becoming tainted with the German spirit.

We cannot be certain that those people did know of the ambush. We have only the military assertion that they must have known. But let us assume that they did. With the country in the state it is, their fate as informers would assuredly have been worse. They were between the Devil and the deep sea. It was trying pan or fire for them, and they got the fire sure enough. Hard lines.

But now another point of view. Assume them guilty of being accessory to the first crime. Is this military way of treating them the best way, the most effective way, or a rational way? Why not, supposing the loss of their homes and furniture was a fair fine to impose, have assessed their value in money, and then, failing payment, have destroyed? Where is the sense of destroying good houses and good furniture, to benefit nobody? There is something in the military mind that is purely mischievous. It actually delights in destruction.

That particular Military Governor, in our opinion, ought to be condemned to hard labour for a period long enough for him to produce goods to the value of the property he destroyed.

These disgusting burnings by way of reprisals were bad enough when done by soldiers in hot anger, but when deliberately ordered by a high official they look shameful. And we are ashamed for them, if they are not.

Captain H. W. W. Hope, C.B., who served some years ago on the China Station and recently gave up the command of the light cruiser "Dartmouth" on the South America Station, has taken up the duties of naval member of the Ordnance Board. He is a well-known gunnery specialist.

## SPECIAL CABLE.

## STRAITS RUBBER CRISIS.

## EUROPEAN PLANTERS.

MANY FACED WITH UNEMPLOYMENT.

SINGAPORE, January 3. As it is expected that many planters will be unemployed through the present rubber crisis, the Singapore Municipality has decided to offer temporary employment to Europeans during the crisis.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The richa coolies of Kuala Lumpur, resenting motor-bus competition, have been creating disturbances.

The general committee of the recently formed St. Andrew's Church Men's Association meets to-night in the Church Hall at 9 o'clock.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 18, 1920, amounted to 84,965 tons, and the sales during the period, to 75,177 tons.

The Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce has decided to issue a commercial bulletin. This bulletin, the first attempt of its kind, will be received with interest by all Chinese business men.

For the first time in Canton since the republican regime and the adoption of the western calendar nine years ago, New Year Day was observed by leaders of all walks of life in Canton on Saturday.

Quite a large number of Penang Chinese of all classes have already joined the Penang Branch of the Straits Chinese British Association. The Association and its branches have been exempted from registration throughout the Straits Settlements.

The following approaching weddings are announced:—Ray L. Cam, R. F. Dorman, H.M.S. "Colombo," to Miss Thelma Maud Bicknell, en route from England by the "Mishima Maru," Mr. S. A. Marcal, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., to Miss M. A. da Rosa.

The Singapore Taxi Cab Company have opened a taximeter service with Ford touring cars. The tariff authorised by the Municipality is at the rate of 40 cents a mile with an additional 10 cents for every quarter mile. On or before January 1 the company hoped to have had 15 taxis on the road.

On the examination of passports by Superintendent Hawkins it was discovered that the Mr. Smith on board the "Kaga Maru," which arrived at Singapore from Europe, bound with Mr. Smith senior, who is in charge of stud horses for the Japanese Government, was a "Miss" in man's clothing. Miss Smith was allowed to proceed with her father to her destination, as satisfactory explanations were forthcoming—*Straits Times*.

Mrs. Porter Prescott Lowery, wife of Lieutenant P. E. Lowery, who has been visiting Peking, died in the French Hospital on December 21, as a result of a bad attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Lowery only arrived from Corregidor a little time ago for the purpose of benefiting her health by a change of climate. The body is to be encased and sent back to her home in the United States of America.

The first recorded instance of police court summonses being served in mid-air occurred over Stafford recently in the course of an aeroplane flight. Two summonses had been issued against Captain Jones in connection with the dropping of a wreath during the unveiling of a cenotaph at Hanley on Armistice Day. Inspector Adlem went with the summonses to the local aerodrome, from which Captain Jones has been making flights, and ascended with him and his mechanic in the aeroplane. During the flight, Inspector Adlem served the summonses on Captain Jones, who afterwards "looped the loop."

One may admire a woman's limpid eyes or shapely hands. One may rave over her flowing crown of glory, or the dainty smallness of her feet. But should one dare, says Maude Odell in the *Daily Sketch*, to commend the shapeliness of her legs, or the beautiful contour of her back, or the plump hands are raised in horror. Clothes were not the outcome of shame, but of climate, and I can see nothing more suggestive in a bare leg or a bare back than in a leg which is covered with a thin film of silk known as stockings. I grant you that there are some bodies which ought to be shrouded. There are some which are an offence to the eyes. It is not, however, because they are suggestive that I would have them covered, but simply because they are not beautiful.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## HONGKONG CHINESE.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir,—May I ask your kindness to permit me some space in your valuable paper to make a few remarks on Mr. M. K. Lo's letter which I find, appeared in the local English Press making certain criticisms on the speech delivered by the Honourable Mr. Hallifax at the dinner given in his honour and in honour of the Honourable Mr. Fletcher by the representative members of the Chinese Community.

In reading through his letter the first thing that struck me was why Mr. Lo should write to the English papers, criticisms on a subject which entirely concerns the Chinese themselves. If he thinks that any English speaking Chinese has suffered a grievance from Mr. Hallifax in his endeavour to get into closer touch with the Chinese-speaking merchants then the proper place to discuss the matter would be in the Native Press where the whole Chinese Community would be able to appreciate his views and pass their judgment on them.

As it is, his letter will only be read by the European Community, who know very little of what is actually going on among the Chinese and of what the Chinese feelings really are, and by a portion of the English-speaking Chinese some of whom, most likely, have been disappointed by Mr. Hallifax.

His criticisms appear to me to be unfair and would give a wrong impression among the European Community. As one of the English-speaking Chinese, I, I suppose, am just as much affected as others by Mr. Hallifax's "General attitude" against the English-speaking Chinese; and he complains "that Mr. Hallifax invariably regards a knowledge of English in a Chinese not as an asset, but as a disability, not as an accomplishment in aid of the discharge of his civic duties, but as a malignant thing to be discarded." His complaints, however, are not borne out by facts. Mr. Hallifax treated all the Chinese both English-speaking and Non-English-speaking alike. He never by action or in speech showed any sign of disregard or discourtesy to the English-speaking Chinese. In his speech Mr. Hallifax distinctly said (about the English-speaking Chinese) that "the Government must continue to depend on him and ask for his services." He further said that "the Government was asking for more work from him, work of a peculiarly unselfish and patriotic nature; they wanted him to assist in bringing out the Chinese-speaking merchants." This is, perhaps, the real ground of difference between the self-seeking English-speaking Chinese and Mr. Hallifax and the outcome of all the insinuations of unfairness made against him.

Mr. Lo, next criticises the following passage from Mr. Hallifax's speech that "those who had learned to speak English well, must, of necessity, in a place like Hongkong, have their views tinged with English ideas and it was just this English tinge-speaking for his office—that they wanted to get rid of." Did not Mr. Hallifax distinctly say that he was speaking for his own department? Was not his department established solely for the purpose of getting the pukka Chinese views? If not, then, his position as S. C. A. is a sinecure.

Again Mr. Lo thinks that these words cast a slur upon the late Sir Kai Ho Kai and Sir Boshan Wei Yuk for their services rendered to the Colony, and on all those English-speaking Chinese who are performing public services. But they do not. Sir Boshan Wei Yuk can speak for himself; for, I have been intimately associated with him in all his public movements since 1897 and I know thoroughly the innermost feelings of this public man. It was Sir Kai Ho Kai's sole aim in life to advance the interest of the Chinese and to induce them, both English-speaking and Chinese-speaking alike, to come forward and help the Government and take an interest in public affairs. His efforts in this direction have been a great success. On his return to the Colony in 1891 or 1892 there was no social intercourse between the Chinese and the officials; but, during the time of Sir Kai Ho Kai's public career, many Chinese, both English-speaking and Non-English-speaking, have dined at, or otherwise been invited to, the Government House. This a gap was made in the barrier between officials and the people by the efforts of such men as Sir Kai Ho Kai and Sir Boshan Wei Yuk; and what Mr. Hallifax intends to do now is nothing more than trying to make the associations closer. Again Sir Kai Ho Kai never, for one moment considered that his English education was under valued because it was employed to assist in bringing

out the Chinese-speaking merchants. Do the English-speaking Chinese now feel hurt and consider their English education misused because they were asked to help to make association of officials and the Chinese public closer? I for one will certainly say no. It is this very unselfishness which the English-speaking Chinese are expected to make in order to benefit their own countrymen, that have enhanced the value of English education so much; otherwise such an Education would be valueless, because it will only produce a set of accomplished egotistic and selfish men who will not do any good to China or to any place where they go.

Mr. Lo also referred to the English education propaganda in China and the local University. Is it the sole aim and purpose of Educational Institutions to provide a costly and high standard education for a small number of Chinese so that they may acquire it for their own personal aggrandizement; or to make them dazzling lights among their own countrymen, so dazzling that none dare to look upon them but with awe? If so, then, Educational Institutions are indeed a failure and all moneys spent on them a pure waste. But I am glad to say it is not so. Every one who has received the benefit of such an education is in honour bound to do everything in his power to help and, with his acquired knowledge, enlighten his own Non-English-speaking countrymen and use his best endeavours to induce them to come forward and take an interest in public affairs which would greatly benefit themselves and which is greatly desired by the officials of Hongkong. In this way and through him the English-speaking Chinese may be reached and the idea of a closer relationship between European and Chinese may then be realized. This is exactly what Mr. Hallifax hopes to do with regard to local Chinese. His views are not contradictory to, but are in line with, the aspirations of such Educational Institutions.

As to the last paragraph of his letter I think Mr. Lo must admit that there are many gentlemen among the Chinese speaking merchants in this Colony just as good and capable men as those who speak English. Is it not sound then that Mr. Hallifax should secure their services and obtain their views and opinions on matters public to it is the duty, I understand, of all officials, especially the S.C.A., to get in opinions and views from all quarters in order to facilitate the work of the Government. I see nothing, therefore, in Mr. Hallifax's speech which the Chinese can take exception to; and he is to be congratulated for so courageously and openly pronouncing his views and convictions which may not please everybody.

With regard to the postscript to Mr. Lo's letter I would ask what honour would the dinner give if the leading Chinese-speaking merchants be absent from it.

Apologizing for taking so much space in your valuable paper by this lengthy letter and thanking you in anticipation for its insertion.

I remain,

Your truly,

S. W. Tso.

December 31, 1920.

## CHEAP ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Dear Sir,—I note a good deal written on the above subject as regards Hongkong and Kowloon, but both have a very long way to go in the matter of reductions per unit, before either can compare to Swansea in 1915.

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This Swansea plant was not run by city directors, but by the city fathers, and there was a surplus on each year's working from 1905 to 1915, after paying all capital and other charges.

Can the Government not compel the local companies to still further reduce the rates to the public, or, have the city-directors been too smart, as usual, for our Government officials, and taken advantage of those officials, inexperienced in business matters, when drawing up the agreements, and, probably, public utility companies from making from 40 to 70% profit, annually, even after the stocks may have been well watered?—Yours truly,

Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1921.

## CLAIM ALLOWED.

## Breach of Contract.

## ALLIANCE.

## JUDGMENT BY CONSENT.

Judgment by consent for claim and costs was given this morning by the Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, to the defendant in the case of The China Overseas Trading Company, (1919) Ltd., against Yan Fat & Co., of 36 Bonham Strand, East.

The suit, which was heard in part on Friday, was for \$874.40 damages by reason of an alleged breach of contract by the defendants for failure to take delivery of 20 tons of phosphate of lime, bought under a contract dated July 20. The defence claimed that the plaintiffs were not the owners of the goods, but that they belonged to an employee of the firm, who had given authority to the firm to sell. Mr. Blake represented the plaintiffs; Mr. Mason the defendants.

## OBITUARY.

## MR. JAMES MACDONALD.

THE GOVERNMENT MARINE SURVEYOR.

The sad news was received in Hongkong yesterday by cable of the death in Melbourne of Mr. James Macdonald, Government Marine Surveyor, who left here with his wife some six months ago in a health trip to Australia where he hoped to recover from the effect of an attack of haemorrhage.

Mr. Macdonald, who came to Hongkong from Scotland in 1892 as Assistant Government Marine Surveyor, became Chief Government Marine Surveyor in 1902 and was due for pension shortly. He was a member of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers, and one of the oldest members of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.

Deep sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Macdonald and the family, of which there are two daughters here, Mrs. Joseland, and Mrs. Macdonald, and a son, Mr. James Macdonald, in Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's in Shanghai.

## "OPIUM FOR HONGKONG."

## "THIS NEPARIUS TRADE."

## A SHANGHAI PROTEST.

Gordon Harding writes from Hang-cheng, Hainan, to the Editor of the *Shanghai Mercury* to ask:

Sir,—What are we Britishers going to do in face of this "Reuter"? Are we going to allow Hongkong to be again the wholesale depot for opium for the whole of China?

Are we going to allow our promises to be broken like piastre? Are we for the sake of paltry gain again to start this nefarious trade?

I for one will protest anyway and pass on a word from The Old Book—

"Whatsoever a man (or a Nation) soweth that shall he reap."

## LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVALS.

The s.s. "Chetoo," Capt. Wiles, 684 tons, arrived this morning at 7.45 a.m. from Tournay with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Hainan," Captain Stewart, 1,267 tons, arrived this morning at 8 a.m. from Swatow with 900 tons of general cargo.

## DEPARTURES.

The s.s. "Hongkwa," Captain Bainbridge, sailed for Singapore via Amoy at 7 a.m. to-day with 100 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Lach Samud," Captain Virachatra, sailed for Bangkok via Swatow at 9 a.m. to-day with 400 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Shisen Maru," Captain Machihara, sailed for Saigon at 4 p.m. to-day with 450 tons of general cargo.

## CLEARANCES.

The s.s. "Meteor," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Shanghai at 7 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Telemachus," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Saigon at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. "Loksang," British, cleared to-day and will sail for Hongkong via Hainan at 10 a.m. to-morrow.

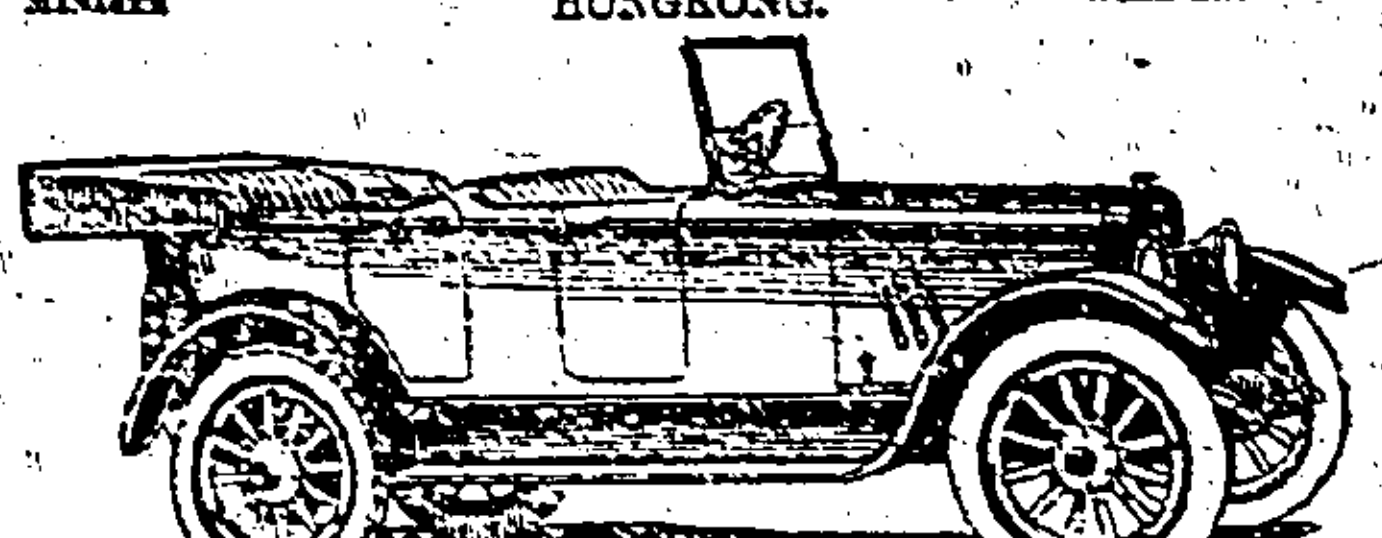
Railway murders are strange in Japan; sometimes but in China stranger things happen. Recently after the early train from Peking had left Tientsin, Central, two Chinese soldiers who were passengers suddenly discovered that it would have been more convenient to have alighted at that station than proceed to Tientsin East. Accordingly, they went up to the front of the train, clambered on to the engine, and compelled the driver to stop. They then ordered him to take the train back to Tientsin Central. Only when it was explained that there would be ample time for them to catch the Peking train at Tientsin East did these truculent soldiers permit the train to continue its journey.



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LATE MR. J. VANSTONE.

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The funeral of the late Mr. James Vanstone, one of Hongkong's oldest residents, took place at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends. The deceased having been a member of the Masonic Lodge at the funeral, including Mr. Bro. T. F. Hough, D.G.M., Mr. Bro. the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, D.D.G.M., Mr. Bro. A. W. E. Davidson, Master of St. John's Lodge, Mr. Bro. S. Aslett, and Mr. A. Edwards, S.W.; Mr. Bro. Smith, J.W. The Rev. H. Copley Moyle and the Rev. T. W. Featherstone conducted the service at the grave-side.

The pall-bearers were—Mr. Brothers Budden, Brown, C. Grimes, and Wellington, and representatives of the Army and Navy.

The wreath sent by the St. John's Lodge was lowered into the grave with the coffin. Mr. Vanstone was one of the founder members of St. John's Lodge.

Amongst those who sent wreaths to the funeral besides the widow and members of the family were—The District Grand Master and Officers of the Hongkong and South China, S.C., the W.M., Officers and Brethren, Zetland Lodge No. 525 E.C., the W.M., Officers and Brethren Lodge Eastern Scotia, No. 925, Officers and Members of the Victoria Precinctory and Priory, the W.M., Officers and Brethren of Lodge Naval and Military, 548, S.C., the D.G.M., Deputy D.G.M. and District Grand Lodge Officers of Hongkong and South China, E.C., W.M., Officers and Brethren University Lodge, No. 3666 E.C., W.M., Officers and Brethren of United Service Lodge, No. 1341, St. Andrew's R.A. Chapter 218, Members of the Church of England Men's Society, Officers and members of the Naval and Military Chapter 302 S.C., United Mark Lodge, Masonic Brethren of H.M.S. "Tamar," "Ambrose," "Curlew," "Cairo," and "Hawkins"; Ararat Lodge, St. Mary Magdalene Rose Croix Chapter, W.O.s, and Sergeants 2nd Wills, The Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, European Wardens Victoria Gaol, Police Inspectors Central and District, Inspector Kay, Miss Skipton, Mr. and Mrs. H. White, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dick, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. C. Crispin, Sergeant and Mrs. George, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Spittles, Mr. H. J. Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. D. Urquhart and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mitton, Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Mr. K. W. Andrew, Mr. J. C. Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. G. Haigh, Mr. S. Bickel, Mr. W. T. Henderson, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Scriven, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Avernell, Mr. F. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stokes, Mr. W. H. Woolley, Mr. C. Beard, Mr. J. M. Miller, Mr. J. W. Graham, Mr. N. B. White, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. P. Heathcote, Mr. W. L. Patenden, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. C. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Duxon, Dr. and Mrs. Asger, Mr. F. E. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. W. Glendinning, Mr. E. Manning, Mr. E. May, Mr. W. Greig, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Osborne, Mr. M. C. Castros, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mr. B. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke, Mr. H. W. Ray, and others.

ROBERT HOLLOWAY.

HONGKONG CADET'S DEATH.

The funeral took place at Happy Valley on Sunday afternoon of Robert Alfred John Archer Holloway, a popular member of Hongkong Cadet Corps, who passed away after a brief illness at the residence of his father at the A.O.D. Quarters, Kennedy Road, in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Barely fifteen years of age, the deceased, whose bright and genial disposition had won him a wide circle of friends, had lived all his life in the Colony, where his father, chief clerk at the Army Ordnance Depot, had been resident for a period of 21 years.

The Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle, Cathedral Chaplain, performed the last ceremony at Happy Valley, in the presence of many friends, including a number of members of the Cadet Corps under Lieut Weyman, and Mr. E. P. Aucott, and several representatives from the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, and Co.,

with which the deceased had been for the last twelve months.

Included in the large number of floral tributes were wreaths from the following—Sisters Mabel and Edie; Grandma; Mabel and Claude Blackman; J. H. Maycock and family; Daddy Stonham; Mrs. D. Evans; Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Jewsbury; Mr. and Mrs. Budden and family; Tom; Mr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Miles; W. Gerrard; Les; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Baker; S. Eccles; B. J. Stringer; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Frost; family; J. D. Coswell and R. Y. Frost; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Spanton; Mr. and Mrs. J. Brafield Briggs; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lyon; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hart and family; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brown; Stanley L. Garrod; H. McKay; Edward F. Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge; R. Mudge; J. H. Van Gennep Luhrs; Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Knight; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hollands; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Y. Henderson; S. Musso and family; Mr. and Mrs. West; Mrs. W. H. Woolley and family; Bert, Fred Spinks; Mr. and Mrs. Gloyne; Mr. and Mrs. Pathy-Johns; C. L. Packe; Mr. and Mrs. G. Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Grimshaw and John; Mr. and Mrs. Garrod and daughters; Bros Thompson and Laws; J. and M. Hall; Dorothy Hearn; O. Stutz; G. S. Maj. and Mrs. Westlake and Harry; A. McDonald; from an old pal; Mr. and Mrs. Young Hee and family; Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.; the Book Office Staff of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.; Cadet Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps; the junior rank H.K.V.C.; Major and Mrs. King; Capt. and Mrs. Collison and family; Colonel M. Greer and officers; R.A.O.C. Col. and Mrs. John W. E. Staple; R.G.A. Sergeants Mess; Head quarters, R.A.M.C. Sergeants Mess; Master Gunner and Mrs. May and family; Sgt. Major Massey and family; Q.M.S. and Mrs. Babbage; Sgt. H. G. Rogers, R.A.M.C. and Corp. C. K. Rhodes, R.A.M.C.

**ST. GEORGE'S BALL, 1921.**

**DANCE PROGRAMME.**

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY.

For the convenience of guests at the Annual Ball of the St. George's Society, on Thursday, next, January 6, it is announced that the rendezvous for the dancers in St. George's Hall will be known by three red lights, in St. Andrew's Hall, by a similar number of blue lights, and in the Music Room three green lights will prove the means of finding partners. The following is the programme of dances—Extra Waltz (Beautiful Ohio); 1. Lancers 6 Veronique; 2. One Step (Oh Helen); 3. Fox Trot (Whispering); 4. Waltz (Oh What a Pal was Mary); 5. Barr Dance (Arcadian); 6. One Step (Taxi); 7. Fox Trot (Venetian Moon); 8. Waltz (Missouri); 9. One Step (Hongkong); 10. Fox Trot (Vamp); 11. One Step (Cairo); 12. Fox Trot (Rose Room); Nos. 9-12 (Supper Dances)—13. Lancers (Orchid); 14. Waltz (Destiny); 15. One Step (Oh by Jingo); 16. Fox Trot (Dardanella); 17. Waltz (The Choristers); 18. One Step (Sand Dunes); 19. Fox Trot (So Long O Long); 20. Sir Roger de Coverley; Second Extra, One Step (Wild, wild women); Third Extra, Fox Trot (Undimola).

The Bands of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and the 2nd Wiltshire Regiment will provide the music; and late Peak Trams and Ferries will run at 1.30 a.m., 2 a.m., and 2.30 a.m.

**TO-DAY'S CABLES.**

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

**AMERICAN BUSINESS CONDITIONS.**

PRICES DECLINE BUT UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASES.

EXPORT TRADE DECREASES.

New York, January 3.

The Federal Reserve Board's monthly statement, reviewing business and financial conditions, says that further progress in business readjustment has been a characteristic feature of the commercial and industrial development in December. The readjustment was accompanied by a further decline in prices bringing an 8½ per cent. increase in unemployment, and resulting in reductions in business activity varying from 40 to 75 per cent. of the normal. This has affected labour unfavourably, wage reductions reaching 20 to 25 per cent., and is accompanied by a shrinkage in demand. There had been a decrease in the export trade. Banking power is well maintained. There is little change in the raw silk market. Some mills have resumed operations but improvements are by no means general.

**FRENCH UNEMPLOYMENT.**

PARIS ARCHBISHOP'S UNUSUAL STEP.

PARIS, January 3.

Unemployment in France is exercising the Government. The question was discussed at a special Cabinet meeting which empowered the Minister of Labour to inaugurate an immediate relief campaign. Short time has already been introduced in a number of industries; notably the metal, silk, and paper. The Archbishop of Paris has taken the unusual step of issuing a Pastoral recommending those out of employment to the benevolence of their more fortunate brethren.

**EUROPE'S MOST PERFECTLY TUNED CHIMES.**

LONDON, January 3.

The Times correspondent at Rotterdam states that the building of a new Rotterdam Town Hall, begun in 1914, has been completed. The tower contains the largest carillon installed anywhere in the last century and the most perfectly tuned in Europe.

**THE MAN UNDER THE TABLE.**

NOT AFRAID OF DEATH.

CANTONESE LEARNED IN A NIGHT!

The Chinese who yesterday so stubbornly denied that he had any knowledge of Cantonese, when charged before Magistrate Orme with entering No. 38, Morrison Hill Road, with intent to commit a felony, appears to have learned the language overnight, for he spoke it with some ease when Mr. Dubois' housewife gave evidence this morning that he did not know the accused until he entered Mr. Dubois' service.

Defendant (indignantly): Did you not know me at the Astor House Hotel?

The Interpreter: Hush, you will question him when he has finished his evidence.

Continuing his evidence, the housewife said that after the accused had been dismissed from Mr. Dubois' service, he came twice to the house to enquire if there were any letters for him. On the morning of January 1, witness was not present when Mr. Dubois found the accused under the table. A couple of hours later, about 5 a.m., witness found the duplicate of the front door key under the carpet in the dining room.

Asked if he had any questions to put, the accused said that he would rather tell the whole story, and then the Magistrate could do what he liked with him. "If the witness is afraid of death," he said, "I am not, and will speak the truth." Proceeding, the accused said that the previous witness had known him and his brother for a long time. When he was dismissed by Mr. Dubois, the witness told him that he could come to the house to sleep if he liked. He accepted the offer. On the night in question, the previous witness admitted him about 7 p.m. The key which was produced in Court belonged to the previous witness who was trying to save his own skin by attempting to "plant" it on him. "Had I had the key of the front door," said the accused, "and wanted to rob Mr. Dubois, I could have taken everything away by midnight, before he came in. I would not have been so silly as to wait in the house until morning—I am not afraid of a death sentence or what the papers say. I am honest, and am speaking the truth."

The Magistrate: You need not worry about that.

Sergeant Kelly said that had the accused been invited to the house to sleep, he would have gone to the previous witness's room.

The Magistrate: How do you explain your presence in the dining room?

Accused: The witness told me that he had no room in his quarters, and that I could sleep there.

The accused said that he was born in China but was brought up in Saigon from childhood. He was registered as a French subject. "I have been to France, and know London and America. I have been everywhere."

The Magistrate: There is no guarantee of your honesty.

Accused: Yes, I used to work for the manager of the French Bank, and I know everybody in the Astor House. The Magistrate: I am going to remand the case again. Perhaps the French Consul will undertake to send the accused back. He is right in the head, I hope?

Sergeant Kelly: I think so.

The Magistrate: Yes, I think so too. To the accused: I am going to remand you in police custody for two days, in case the French Consul wish to take the matter in hand. The case is finished now, but I don't want to send you to jail until you have been given a chance to get witnesses to speak for you. You have got to prove your bona fide intent.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was fixed for 4.15 p.m. to-day.

A Chinese tradesman carrying on business in a matchbox at Taihekoo, in the New Territories, has reported to the police that about 5.30 a.m., yesterday, five men, two of whom were armed with revolvers and the others with daggers, entered the matchbox. After binding and gagging the inmates, they ransacked the place, stealing clothing, money and tobacco to the value of \$31.70. All the intruders had their faces covered with cloth masks.

The C.M.S. Co.'s "Nanking," sailed from Swatow on Jan. 4, and is due here on Jan. 7 at daylight. The B. L. s.s. "Euclides" left Amoy for Hongkong on Jan. 3, and is due here on Jan. 5, at daylight. The s.s. "Loverly Castle" left Honolulu on Dec. 21, for Japan, and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 6.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1921.

**TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.**

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"DELTA"	8,000	4th Feb.	Do.
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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	19th Jan.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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FUSHIMI MARU (Unit, Manila)	Wednesday, 3rd Mar., at 11 a.m.

## LONDON &amp; ANTIWEIP via Singapore, Malacca, Penang

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ATSUTA MARU	Friday, 7th Jan., at 11 a.m.
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NIKKO MARU	Tuesday, 18th Jan., at 11 a.m.
AKI MARU	Tuesday, 15th Feb., at 11 a.m.

## NEW YORK via Manila, Java, Straits, via Suez.

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BANGKOK MARU	Tuesday, 11th January.
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TAKAOKA MARU	Saturday, 8th January.
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AKI MARU	Thursday, 20th Jan., at 11 a.m.
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YOKOHAMA MARU	Monday, 8th Jan., at 11 a.m.
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## DUTCH EAST INDIES.

## BRITISH OPPORTUNITIES.

SIR W. TOWNLEY'S VIEWS.

A meeting was held on November 2 at the London Chamber of Commerce, under the presidency of Mr. Stanley Machin, J.P., president of the London Chamber of Commerce, to hear an address by Sir Walter Townley, K.C.M.G., governor of the British Chamber of Commerce for the Netherlands East Indies incorporated.

Sir Walter Townley, in the course of his address, said—the Netherlands Indies market, both import and export, is wide and varied, and offers such a rich field for mercantile enterprise that foreign competition to secure the lion's share of it is bound to be most keen. With Germany out of the running for the moment the United Kingdom, U.S.A. and Japan are the chief competitors. The chief articles of import are textiles, boots, shoes, machinery of all sorts, building materials, glassware, pottery, hats, matches, fancy goods, metals, drugs, artificial manures, foodstuffs, including tinned food and milk, mineral waters, etc. The value of the soft goods imported in 1918 was about £2,000,000 about equal in cost to the figures of 1913, though considerably smaller in volume. Manchester claims to have exported textile to the value of £5,779,887.

Special openings exist for the importation of locomotives of all sorts, machinery, both agricultural and industrial, hardware and motor-cars, whilst the demand for glassware and pottery is very keen. This trade is likely to go to our commercial rivals. Americans and Germans are especially keen in the locomotive and motor sections, and one is reminded of the present King's exhortation to British traders on his return from Australia: "Wake up, England!"

## OBJECT OF THE CHAMBER.

The object of the Chamber is to bring this rich market to the more direct attention of British trade, and to do all that it can to show those who may be desirous to avail themselves of this more or less unexplored opening how the market can be reached in the most satisfactory manner. It is our special aim to encourage the export of British goods, but the great value of the export trade from the islands must not be overlooked, since they are amazingly rich with such products as coal, sugar, rubber, tobacco, coffee, tea, tin, spices, copra, kapok, gums, quinine and cinchona bark, teakwood and mineral oils to dispose of. The war has shown us the immense value of many of these products.

What can the Chamber do? We are often asked this question. The plainest and most straightforward answer is contained in the narrative of what it has done in a life of about six months of active existence. We have established a monthly review which is full of the latest information of interest to traders, kept up to date by the close relationship we have established with the competent authorities on the spot. We have given letters of introduction to these same authorities to representatives of our members. We have published interesting pamphlets of proposed colonial taxation and the finances of the N.E.I. We are in close touch with the leading commercial officials in Java, who have proved their appreciation of our efforts to improve trade relations between the United Kingdom and the archipelago by supplying us with much most valuable information, which would not in the ordinary course be given to individual inquirers. This has enabled us to supply certain of our members with information, which would have been otherwise unobtainable.

We can advise upon the commercial law and financial organisation of the colonial administration likely to be of interest, and we make a special study in the interests of our members of pending legislation. We are already making preparations and arranging shipping facilities for those of our members who may wish to be represented at next year's Bandung Fair.

## HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

I have just told you what the Chamber has done in an incredibly short space of time, but with your assistance we confidently hope to do very much more. As soon as we have our permit we shall establish our own agent in Java.

## SHORT SKIRTS.

## QUESTION OF MORALS.

CONTROVERSY IN U.S.A.

With the approach of the cold weather here there is a first-class controversy raging in the American Press, excited by the denunciation of the short-skirted, low-throated flimsy dresses now being worn generally in American cities. Dr. Eliot, a former president of Harvard University, took up the cudgels for "decency" with a declaration that the present-day dress as worn in the street is a menace to the morals of youth and to the health of the wearers. Many assert, however, that scantier gowns are more healthful and more hygienic than voluminous ones, and deny the charge that women, "inspired by the sex lure," dress to attract men. "More often," says one woman's champion, "they dress to arouse envy in other women." Not merely girls, but women are wearing dresses in the cold weather which just touch the knees, many wear diaphanous hose, which barely reaches the skirt, and nearly all have the neck exposed. It is admitted that business girls generally are spending far more on dress and make-up than their board and lodging costs, and the appalling feature is that their visibility does not become less as the autumn merges into early winter. The church condemns the prevailing dress, but Dr. Coe, of the Health Commissioner of New York, adds fuel to the flames by saying that city women, with silk stockings, low skirts, and flimsy gowns, live longer than their sisters on the farm.

With a suitable staff to enable him to keep up almost daily informed of commercial developments. He will work hand in hand with the representative of the Department of Overseas Trade, of which the controller, Sir William Clark, by honouring us with his presence today, has given us the most signal proof of the official interest taken in the Chamber's welfare. Our agent will also maintain and even improve the very cordial relations we have had the good fortune to establish with the Colonial trade authorities. He will further receive and distribute our members' catalogues and assist to the utmost of his power any agents they may send out.

Our second hope is to be able to establish ourselves in more central quarters, where we shall be able to provide room where British and Dutch affiliated members can meet and where all pertinent trade literature will be available. Thirdly, we hope to establish exhibitions once or twice a year, at which Netherlands Indian exports will be shown side by side with samples of what our trade rivals, European, American and Asiatic, send to the islands. Fears of Dutch hostility have been expressed. H.E. the Netherlands Minister has honoured us with his presence here this afternoon. No further answer is necessary.

## A WARNING.

The Americans are making strong running in the N.E.I. by means of the cinema and other forms of propaganda. That this is greatly appreciated by the Colonial authorities is proved by the fact that the U.S.A. is one of the first countries to which the Netherlands Indies Administration has turned in putting in execution the new scheme for making the products of the archipelago better known in the world. To our shame be it said, the U.K. has not been so honoured, and again I say, "Wake up."

In conclusion I would remind you that the Chamber was created because it was felt that some such organisation was sorely needed to bring home to British manufacturers and merchants knowledge of the vast resources of the rich Netherlands Indian market before the supremacy in it was snapped up by others. No one has any axe to grind and no one makes any money out of it; indeed, its chief promoters and subsequent supporters are firms which are already long established in the archipelago, but who are large minded enough to see that there is room for all to share in its huge potentialities and who have realised the value of co-operation.

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All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before January 11th, 1921, or they will not be recognised.

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HANKOW PAPER PUBLISHERS INTERESTING OPEN LETTERS.

The Central China Post of Hankow has the following Open Letter addressed to a Chinese correspondent in its issue of December 18:

Dear Mr. Chin: In the letter from you which we published yesterday you say: "What makes my heart ache with untold agony is the way the foreigners in Hankow are behaving themselves." Following that a few instances of bad conduct on their part might have been given but such matters as you mention seem to afford no reasonable ground for complaint. Still we are sorry to hear of your distress and would like to say something calculated to relieve that heartache for there are no doubt many other Chinese who feel as you do.

We take it that you are painfully struck with the contrast between your experiences as respects the treatment which you received at the hands of foreigners during the ten years you spent in England and America and those which you meet with now on your return to your native land. But the matter is quite explicable. Abroad you were a member of a community which all spoke the same language, wore the same dress and observed the same customs. You no doubt adapted yourself to that and found that everybody treated you exactly the same as everybody treated everybody else. Out here there are two communities who differ in language, dress and customs, and the two do not readily mix. The trouble lies not on the one side more than on the other but in the nature of things. If you happened to be at Yochow, where the clear waters of the Tungting lake meet with the yellow flood from Szechuan, you might notice that they do not immediately intermingle. They travel together for a long way with the river clear on the one bank and yellow on the other before they get mixed up, and it is just the same when differing peoples meet.

You write as if the foreigners in general were hostile to the Chinese, but as far as there is anything to choose the hostility is on the other side. You will remember how when foreigners made their first appearance in your country they were treated as enemies, and later on when they began to travel about the general attitude towards them was one of hostility. Sir John Jordan relates how when he first went to Peking his own teacher of the language used to hurry down a side lane if likely to meet him on the street, and the Chinese employed in the Legations assumed false names in order that it might not be known that they were friendly with foreigners. It was all very national; in some languages the word for "stranger" and the word for "enemy" is one and the same, the reasoning being that a stranger is certainly after no good, and it takes a long time to overcome the feeling.

That foreigners do seek to become intimate with the Chinese, and that they do try to be helpful, as respects the people amongst whom they live, is easily proved. What do you make of the great army of missionaries in your country? Every man and woman of them aims at cultivating intimacy with the Chinese. What do you consider the schools and the colleges are for, and the Y.M.C.A.s? For the purpose of enabling the foreigners who establish and run them to make a little money out of China? Not for a moment. These men possess the

money-making capacity in as great a measure as the business men, and they are content with a salary provided by their own friends—just sufficient to meet their needs. It is not for themselves but for China they labour. And what do you make of the efforts put forth by foreigners to provide the famine victims in the North with food? They subscribe the money; they distribute the food with their own hands, and it is altogether due to their energy that anything is being done in the matter.

To deal with your complaints: the above largely answers your first one, that the foreign communities keep too much to themselves. It cannot be helped; until both parties speak the same speech and live on the same plane there can be no great amount of intermingling. You object that the business man will seldom condescend to see a Chinese and leaves all transactions with him to the compradore. For this there are two reasons; the first is the lack of knowledge of the language on the part of the business man, but if an English-speaking Chinese has anything of importance to discuss with a Chinese he will not only be made heartily welcome but treated with every courtesy. The second is the fact that the Chinese preference is to do business through a middleman and not with the principal direct. If it is a case of buying a piece of ground, renting a house, or getting engaged to be married, all such matters are put in the hands of middlemen, and in business transactions it is the same. Now the compradore is merely the firm's middleman, and the custom has much to recommend it.

Your only other complaint is that Chinese are not allowed to walk on the riverside path of the ex-German bund. This is not the case; they may be noticed walking there quite freely and occupying the benches, while the police never interfere. But probably your grievance is that they are not allowed to sit on the side-walks of the other bunds adjacent to the river. Why should they? A Chinese friend of ours has a fine house set in a large and beautiful garden well stored with flowers, and he keeps the whole for his own enjoyment never dreaming of setting it at the disposal of the general public. Now that path by the river side under the trees is the only garden which the concessions possess. It is largely used as a playground for children, and is as much foreign private property as our friend's house is his; to hand it over to China's millions would benefit them but little and deprive the foreign little folks of the only breath of air they can get.

We take it that by "foreigners" you meant in your letter those from England and America amongst whom you formerly lived. But what about the Japanese? There are vastly more of them, and they are much more akin to the Chinese than the Occidentals are, yet their presence here is still less liked. The fact is the Chinese seem to take pleasure in maintaining a grudge against every nationality, and they can never hope to be appreciated as they deserve till they have given over the evil habit.

Faithfully yours,  
THE EDITOR.

—Mrs. Lily Harriet Pass, for 48 years a resident of Yokohama, died at her home there on December 17. Death came as the result of three paralytic strokes which she had suffered within the past 10 days. She had not regained consciousness after the third stroke, which occurred on December 15. Her daughter, Mrs. A. Richardson, wife of Dr. A. Richardson of Kobe, and six grandchildren were with her when death came.

## SPORT.

### INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

#### ANNUAL CHARITY MATCH.

The annual International Football match in aid of local charities, between teams chosen from the Club of the First Division of the Hongkong Football League to represent England v. Scotland, was played before a large gathering of "soccer" enthusiasts on the Hongkong Club's ground, Happy Valley, last evening. Excepting for Weyman replacing Moore in the Scottish team, and Wilson replacing Hodges in the English team, the teams fielded as advertised.

Railton lost the toss, and Menham kicked off for England. He immediately set his forwards going, and a combined attack soon found the ball in Scottish territory. And before the game was many minutes old, Webb tested Rodger with a difficult shot. The goalie picked up the ball and threw it out of the danger zone. Watson received and sent it over. Immediately afterwards, Taylor made two attempts to open the scoring. Gerrard robbed him on the first occasion, and on the other the ball hit the upright and went out. After about five minutes of defensive play, the Scots went away, McTavish placing Hamilton in possession. After a good run down the line, the latter sent in a long dropping shot which Crocker took too easily, and mishandling the ball, very nearly gave a goal away. However, he retrieved his mistake just when the situation seemed hopeless. Undaunted, the Scots returned to the attack, and Wheeler was forced to concede a corner. Weyman dropped the ball right at the goalmouth, and a *swish* ensued. Seeing his opportunity, Wheeler did not waste any time and a hefty kick sent the ball to midfield. Here the Scots trapped the ball and returned it to the danger zone. Henwood saved the situation by kicking behind. Hamilton sent in a very dangerous kick which Edwards was forced to head behind for another corner, which, however, yielded nothing. When the Scots next attacked, Edwards misjudged a pass by Rodger. Getting past him, Robinson took a pot shot close in and netted amid much cheering. England played with renewed vigour after the resumption and carried play to the Scottish end of the field where they made determined attempts to equalise, but the defence tackled pluckily and allowed nothing past them. Half time came with the Scots leading by one goal to nil.

The second half saw the pace increased, with the Scots on the offensive. Hamilton sent in a long shot which Crocker could not do better than send behind. England cleared from the corner kick. Webb punted to midfield, and a pretty breakaway resulted in Gerrard kicking into touch. Taylor headed towards goal from the throw in, but the ball went wide. England returned immediately, and Taylor centred beautifully. Watson headed in, and Rodger pushed the ball behind. Townsend received from the corner kick and sent the ball in hard towards Rodger. The latter was in position and punched away. An exciting *melée* followed in the course of which one of the defenders had the misfortune to handle the ball within the penalty area. At the same time it was found that Townsend had been hurt in the *melée*, and a short halt had to be called. Recovering, Townsend took the penalty kick and sent the ball straight to Rodger who effected a very creditable save which won him much well deserved applause. England now returned to the attack with such determination that two corners had to be conceded. They were both cleared. The Scots transferred play to enemy territory where Henwood cleared and sent Taylor away. Running strongly down the right wing, this worthy ended up with a well-timed centre to Menham who shot wide. England's luck was still out, for they were pulled up for off side in the next attack. They played up pluckily however, and came back. Clarke fouled Watson near the penalty area. The free kick was well taken, but the Scots cleared. After this the Scots attacked and Edwards sent behind. The corner kick yielded nothing. As appeal for a penalty against Edwards who appeared to have handled the ball, was over-ruled by the referee. England returned to the offensive and after missing many good openings, forced a corner. Taylor placed well and Edwards shot towards goal. Rodger caught the ball, but not before it had crossed the goal line. The referee blew his whistle and pointed to the centre of the field. With only two more minutes to go, both sides were out to win, but time was against them.

and the final whistle came with the score sheet unaltered.

The teams lined up as follows:—England—Crocker (Goalkeeper), Wheeler (Kovlool), Edwards (Hawkins), Railton (Club), Henwood (R.G.A.), Wilson (Hawkins), Taylor (Kovlool), Watson (R.G.A.), Menham (Wilson), Townsend (Kovlool), and Webb (Hawkins).

Scotland—Rodger (Club), Gerrard (Club), Clarke (Police), McPhail (Club), Forbes (Police), Rodger (Club), Hamilton (Club), McTavish (Club), Robinson (Police), Weyman (Kovlool), and McHugh (R.G.A.).

Referee—Mr. Jones (H.M.S. "Ambrose.")

### HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

#### SECOND DIVISION TABLE.

Below is the result of the Second Division League up to December 18 1920:—

Club.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
St. Joseph's	8	7	1	0	27	5	14
R.G.A. Res.	8	7	1	0	23	8	14
United F.C.	8	4	3	1	16	15	9
Kovlool Res.	8	3	2	3	13	12	9
Oilers United	9	4	4	1	18	12	9
Indian R.C.	9	4	5	0	14	19	8
Staff & Depts.	7	3	3	1	14	11	7
S. China Res.	9	3	5	1	16	17	7
Carlisle	4	3	1	0	8	4	6
Club Res.	9	3	6	0	9	12	6
22nd Punjab	9	2	7	0	8	40	4
Club de Recreo	8	1	6	1	11	21	3

### SHOOTING.

#### RIFLE LEAGUE OPENS.

At the King's Park Range on Sunday afternoon, the Police Rifle Club met the Flagship "Hawkins" in the opening match of the Hongkong Rifle League. A close shoot resulted in the Police defeating the Sailors who were the favourites.

A dispute arose before the commencement of firing, as it was seen that the Police had brought ten members and the Sailors only eight. The conditions of the League state that ten will fire, with the best eight to count. The Flagship would not have this, so the Police, with their usual sporting touch, disposed of two of their shots, including Grimmett who holds more rifle trophies than any other in the Colony. Grimmett lost his place through being the last member to turn up at the range. The scores were:—

POLICE.	Perkins	Wilson	Booker	Evans	Maskeil	Houlihan	Carpenter	Hutchins
	41 43 40=124	36 47 40=123	40 43 36=119	39 40 39=118	39 36 42=117	39 34 41=114	43 31 37=111	41 37 27=105
Total	931							

#### H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

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Total	914							

### MUSKETRY STAFF v. "CURLW."

The following is the result of the match in the first round of the competitions for the Rifle League Championship Shield, which was fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, resulting in a win for H.M.S. "Curlw." The scoring was as follows:—

MUSKETRY STAFF.	Bdr. Nixon	Sgt. Burnett	P. O. Reynolds	Sgt. Cross	Capt. Lambert	Gunner Ansell	P. O. Harding	Sgt. Cordon
	36 39 37 112	36 36 34 106	36 42 27 105	35 38 31 104	40 35 29 104	37 27 18 82	28 22 21 71	33 21 16 70
Total	754							

#### H.M.S. "CURLW."

	C. P. O. Carpenter	P. O. Morgan	Boy Dew	C. Sgt. Spencer	C. P. O. Swiggs	E. R. A. Passmore	Lee-Cpl Stanford	Mr. Rosalter
	43 40 32 115	39 39 37 115	44 26 33 112	34 38 28 98	32 31 26 89	35 22 31 88	32 34 27 93	32 31 24 87
Total	797							

### H.M.S. "TITANIA" v. D.R. CLUB.

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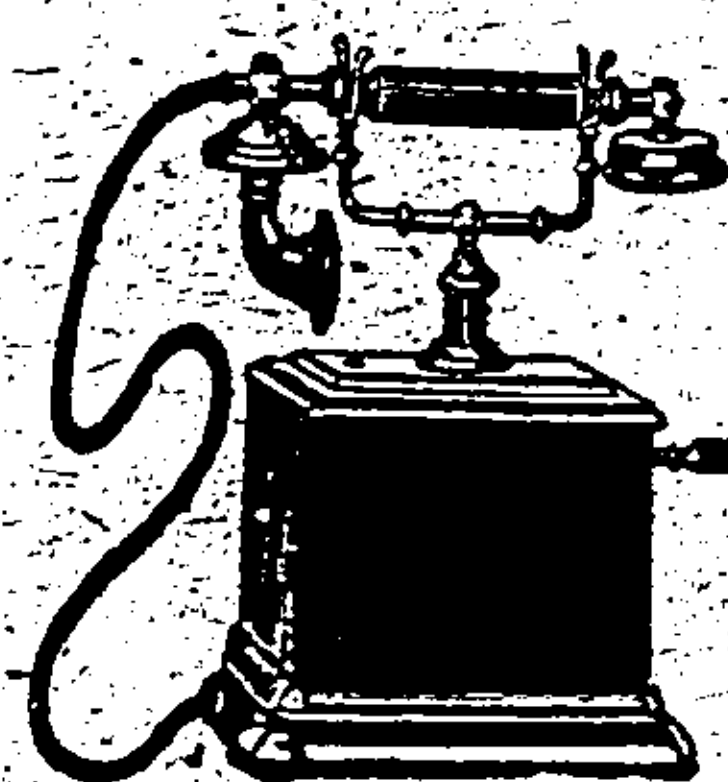
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## A MODERN MAGICIAN.

CHEFALO IN HONGKONG.

## THE ART OF MYSTERY.

Chefalo sat at a table in the lounge of the Hongkong Hotel. He did not look like the magician that he is. Or rather, he didn't look as age-old tradition said he should have looked. He had no pointed cap adorned with glittering stars, or black robe decorated with sparkling constellations; nor did he have white whiskers. Instead he was a sturdy, virile individual, dressed in a quiet brown suit such as ordinary mortals wear. And there was nothing supernatural about his bearing or his occupation at the moment. He was smoking a fat cigar and reading the morning paper.

"Chefalo?" said the interviewer. "Yes," was the reply. He stood up and shook hands cordially. "About this magic business?" "Yes."

"I have come to ask you to tell me all about it."

"Certainly."

"All about it?"

"All about it." He smiled slowly. "Except—"

"Ah, except."

"Except that it is done."

Which, after all, was no more than was to be expected.

Nevertheless he did have a good deal to say about magic, once he was started on the subject—and a little about himself, and a good deal about his partner, Palermo, of whose beauty and skill so much in praise has been said by reviewers the world over, and something of the sensational demonstrations with which they both have mystified the hundreds of thousands who have watched them throughout their career of performances. And he was very affable about it, which was an important consideration on a chilly day.

Quite a remarkable record of success, the history of Chefalo and Palermo. They are both of Italian birth. It was in Italy that he started to learn and practise the mysteries of the art of magic, and that was when he was only 12 years of age. Soon afterwards he went to America. Being too young to appear as a performer, under the law which prohibits the employment of children on the stage, he spent the next few years in studying and perfecting his chosen profession, and at 16 started on his career in earnest. He was then exploited on the Keith Circuit of theatres as the "boy magician," winning instant success. He continued his work alone, until he was twenty—and then the time was appearing with a musical company, and they became partners in an association that has carried them both to the topmost pinnacle in the realms of magic.

Together they toured England and Europe, presenting "The Garden of Mystery"—a feature that was so successful, and attracted such general approval, that when at length they decided to enlarge their production and take it on a tour of the world, they incorporated it in the programme. It will be shown here during the season which they will inaugurate at the Theatre Royal this coming Saturday night.

The next thing that happened was that they started on a tour of the world. Now, when individuals start on a tour of the world, they usually manage to get back within a few months. Theatrical companies may take it up longer, but as a rule world-travelling is pretty heavy going. Even the best of them have to stop sooner or later. But Chefalo and Palermo. They're still going. They started twelve years ago, and they haven't made the circuit yet. For the very good reason that they have been so successful in the various countries they have visited that they haven't been able to get on their way. Anyone will concede that it speaks well for the show. Spain two years, Argentina two years, Brazil six months, Africa seven months—America two years, Germany four months, Belgium three months. Holland three months—not to mention British West Indies, Cuba, Panama, Portugal, Peru, Chili, Australia, and numerous other countries; these are the reasons why they have been so slow completing their tour. They now are on their last lap, playing China, then Japan, and then India. Judging by previous experiences, they ought to finish it in the next six years or so.

As for the features of the show that has justified such a remarkable reception all over the world, it perhaps is sufficient to say that they include any number of extraordinary acts, most of them worked out, with infinite patience, by Chefalo himself. He ranks as one of the two or three great magicians of the world. Added to his ability as a performer, he has an unusual inventive faculty. On the stage he is unique, in that he works hard and fast, it being one of his maxims that the attention of his audience must be held from beginning to end. To add to his part of the entertainment, he is constantly injecting an element of humor into his performance.

Palermo, on the other hand, works quietly and with a grace that has attracted approving comment wherever she has appeared. For one of her acts alone she carries a magnificent wardrobe, and appears in a succession of beautiful gowns.

The versatility of Chefalo and his fascinating partner is demonstrated by their introduction into the performance of a dancing exhibition, in which together they present the real tango, and Palermo gives several Spanish dances. They were probably the first to give the tango as an exhibition dance in Europe.

But to get back to the interview. "Do you find," Chefalo was asked, "that the interest of the public in magic is as lively as it used to be?"

"The love of the people for magic will never die out," said Chefalo. "The element of mystery about it is always attractive. The very fact that a person can not understand a trick makes it interesting. Even if he does understand it, he wants to see it in operation."

"And the magic of to-day compared with the magic of yesterday?"

"It is much more difficult to-day. It stands to reason. So much has been done that it is constantly growing harder to invent new tricks. And in other ways it has changed. Productions have to be on a larger scale. The show must be 'dressed' effectively. The world enjoys magic as much as it has ever done, but it needs more than a mere repetition of acts without the proper setting and accompaniment. And the magician himself must have both magnetism and personality if he wants to hold his audience."

The interview might have gone on a good deal longer, but gradually an abstracted look was making its appearance in Chefalo's eyes, as if he had the first glimmerings of an idea for a new stunt; so—first making sure there were no chickens or rabbits in his waistcoat pockets—the interviewer made a cautious exit at this point.

## RAILROAD STRIKE.

## CANTON-HANKOW LINE.

## THE QUESTIONS AT ISSUE.

The strike of the staff and labourers of the Maintenance Department of the Canton-Hankow railroad continues, although it is reported that the Acting Managing Director has agreed by telephone to certain of the men's demands. They ask for the reinstatement of men discharged without cause, the payment of the wages that are in arrears, the supply of materials for road repairing, the discharge of the newly appointed superintendent of works, and the preservation of the power and dignity of the chief engineer of the road.

The Acting Managing Director is said to have agreed to pay up the wages before January 7, to supply the materials for maintenance of the road, and to respect the power of the chief engineer, but to have held that the management has the right to reorganize the working staff of the railroad and appoint men at its discretion.

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Saigon	Monteagle	10 a.m.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 10.		
Shanghai and North China	Ningpo	11 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Washing	5 p.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 11.		
*Straits, Amoy and Keelung	Kafo Maru	9 a.m.
Straits, Amoy and Peking	Haibow	9 a.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12.		
Straits and Bangkok	Kanchow	8 a.m.
Amoy, Shanghai and North China	Kachem	11 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanabadi, Bombay and ADEN	Duware	11 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13.		
Straits and Bangkok	Kachem	1 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.		
Shanghai and North China	Chickling	11 a.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 17.		
Japan, Hankow, & SHANGHAI, Ryo Maru		11 a.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18.		
Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and ADEN	Takow	4 p.m.

\* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## ENTERTAINMENT.

## NECROMANCER, THAUMATURGE AND MAGICIANS.

CHEFALO AND PALERMO APPEARING ON SATURDAY.

Middle Palermo, who appears here on Saturday, with Chefalo, has been described all over America and the Continent, as one of the world's greatest artists of legerdemain. The "marvellous" Chefalo and she are accompanied by a party of six and they present the successful European mystic act called The Garden of Mystery, the whole set amid extraordinarily beautiful stage settings, while the "piquant" Palermo wears some of the most extravagant gowns of the creation of man and woman. The Garden of Mystery was described by the New York Times "as one of the most elaborate productions ever staged for this kind of entertainment and the startling illusions which follow each other in rapid succession are amazing. Palermo is one of the greatest mistresses of magic since the days of Herrmann and Chefalo's performance also is a feature. Magnificent scenery and stupendous electrical effects are used throughout the production." Palermo herself presents a symposium of illusions and original and astounding tricks. "Any woman, it is said, can trick a man but Palermo, is one who throws down a royal flush just as you are checking that you have drawn the winning hand. In each of her exhibitions she appears in a different robe. Where, when and how she changes are themselves all part of the net of mystery she weaves around you. But in successive moments you find that it is Cleopatra, an Indian, a Spanish lady, a girl if a tiger is in fantasy, an Egyptian, a Chinese, a Moorish maid, a dancer or a grand dame in the latest French mode, who is showing you how easy it is to be a conjurer. In addition to the mystic facts Miss Palermo gives a real Spanish dance and she and Chefalo show how the real Argentine tango should be danced for they learnt each in the country of their origin in their world tour. Chefalo and Palermo appear here in the Theatre Royal, on SATURDAY next. Seats can now be reserved in advance at Moutrie's, and the prices are \$3, \$2 & \$1.

## TRAMWAY POSSIBILITIES.

As regards passenger transit in London we have had various suggestions, including new fast underground railways and high-speed underground motor ways. London, however, must always be a rather extreme case, and even here it may be doubted whether we shall see much new underground development for the relief of traffic. In few, if any, of the provincial cities and manufacturing towns could these methods be adopted, and such centres are almost compelled to look to road or ordinary railway transport for the future. The possibilities in the former direction constitute one of the topics discussed in the presidential address delivered on Tuesday last, by Mr. J. A. Brodie, before the Institution of Civil Engineers, an address which we reprint in full elsewhere in our present issue.

In this valuable address, Mr. Brodie expressed the view that the time was ripe for radical improvements in connection with the longer-distance systems of tramway transport. Exactly what these radical improvements are to be cannot yet be definitely stated, but Mr. Brodie evidently looks for a greatly improved and accelerated tramway service with noiseless cars on resilient tracks, running on special fenced-in tracks in the centre of wide thoroughfares. He spoke of trams as quiet as the private motor car—an ideal which seems a little sanguine when it is considered that the contact bow or overhead trolley alone makes a very fair amount of noise which would not be reduced by modifications of tyres or track. The noiseless tyre would probably have to use rubber in some form, but then the flange becomes the difficulty, for in tramways we have to deal with the "guided type of vehicle." If a composite wheel were produced with a rubber tread and steel flange plate, the noise of the latter against the railhead might still be considerable.

If the high-speed tram car is to come into vogue in this country, some attempt must certainly be made to get away from the present heavy vehicle on a rigid track. In America the inter-urban systems afford convenient transit with a fair degree of comfort for long distances, but the track for the most part is not of the rigid type developed to such a degree over here. It is more of the elastic character of our railways. Such track is already being attempted over here, but in towns and their suburbs it is hardly ever possible to save on the widest roads, where a special section can be devoted entirely to this service to the exclusion of all other. In outside areas, of course, the track can often be laid along the edge of fields, &c. The safety of other users of the road has to be considered, and it would probably be necessary to fence off the track for any system "on which" high-speed speeds are to be attempted. This again introduces questions regarding cross-traffic in connection with which safety has to be thought of. In any case, roads of sufficient width for such use could hardly be provided on a large scale save in the

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